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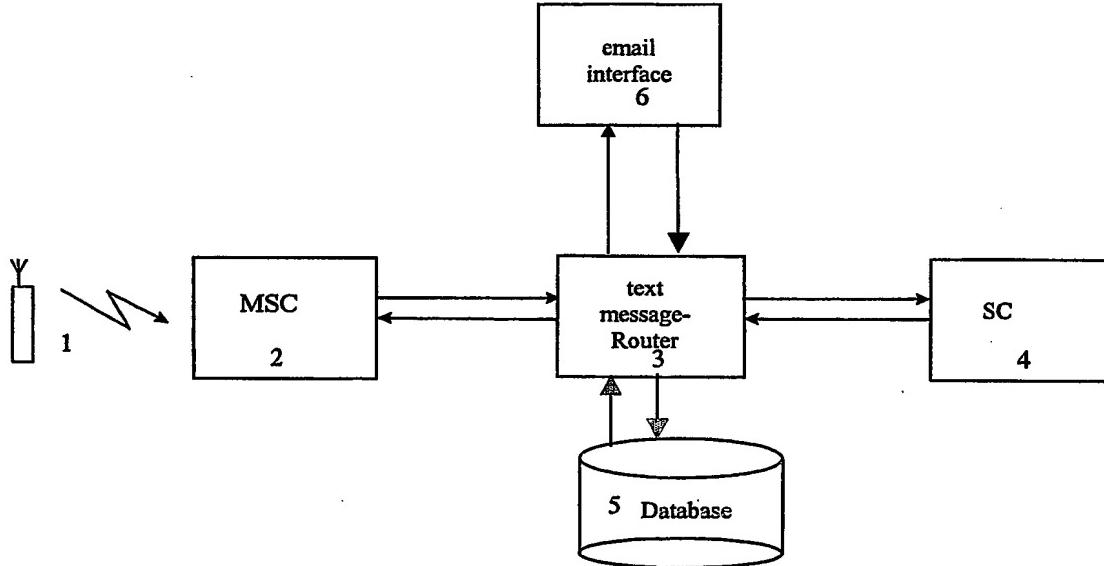
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(57) Abstract: In a text message processing system, an SMS router (3) can recognise a predefined arrangement of one or more characters, such as "*", as a suffix to a destination address of a message being submitted by a mobile telephone (1) to the system. Upon such recognition, a function required by the message sender is selected so as to change the normal delivery function, for example by forwarding the received message to an email interface (6) for delivery by email either instead of, or in addition to, normal text message delivery.